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RBTT Aruba Bank President Edna Farro with Special Olympics delegates



Taking some time to get to know special athletes Vanessa and Eldritch

President and Country Head of RBTT Aruba, Edna Farro, was pleased to receive a delegation from the Special Olympics Aruba Committee plus four of the athletes who will travel to Athens, Greece in June to represent Aruba at the World Summer Games 2011, at RBTT headquarters.

RBTT Bank, as many may know, had a Plinko Personal Loan campaign at the beginning of May, and in connection

with this event, the bank chose this foundation to be the beneficiaries of a donation.

RBTT is very happy to be helping such an important cause, and the foundation that is dedicated to the training and guidance of our special athletes, while encouraging awareness among the community of what they can achieve. Prior to actually awarding the donation, Ms. Farro enjoyed a congenial

moment with Arturo Werleman, President of the committee and coach Augustine Bernabela, plus athletes Vanessa, Indra, Eldrick and Christopher.

RBTT would like to congratulate them one more time for their perseverance, wishing them all the best in Greece, with all certainty they will be bringing home the gold.

by Rosalie Klein

How many are using the monthly assistance stipend allowance?

ORANJESTAD -- The month of March marks the first month that the government of Aruba introduced the Assistance Stipend Allowance (Reparatietoelag). This is something very new for Aruba. In Holland they have the so-called rent allowance, care allowance and childcare allowance. Each of these allowances are to assist families with low incomes who may not be able to pay for basic services such as rent of a home, health insurance or for babysitting service for working parents.

In January 2011 the government introduced for the first time a so-called "koopkracht-reparatietoelag" (buying power recovery stipend allowance). This was introduced for all persons earning less than Afls. 2500 per month.

During the National Social Dialogue it was noted that life has become extremely difficult for those on incomes less than Afls. 2500 per month. Inflation, caused by the BBO (turnover tax), and the high cost of petroleum, greatly affected the buying power of our people in the last few years. To help reduce the dire effect of this, the government decided to reduce the BBO by 1.5%.

Now that the month of March is behind us, this is a good time to evaluate and ascertain how many persons have taken advantage of the Assistance Stipend Allowance. The department of taxes is doing the research. When the allowance was introduced, it was estimated that there were approximately some 26.000 persons who were eligible for this special assistance.

The government is the one who carries the brunt of the weight of this allowance and they have reckoned with this in the 2011 island budget. Because the government's financial situation is rather critical, the amount allotted for the assistance stipend is very modest.

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The stipends are between Afls. 900 per year, for someone earning minimum wages, up to Afls. 300 per year, for someone earning Afls. 2500 per month. In the event there is more than one person in the family earning within the range mentioned, they will also qualify for the allowance stipend. In a home with two minimum wage earners, this could mean an improvement of Afls. 1800 per year, or Afls 150 extra income per month for that household.

Depending on the results of the research as to how well our people are making use of this special assistance, it might be necessary to repeat the information campaign to stimulate more people to take advantage of this, according to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister reported that everyone who qualifies can yet fill out the application form and be eligible to receive the stipend in the upcoming months. However, the previous months cannot be paid out retroactively.

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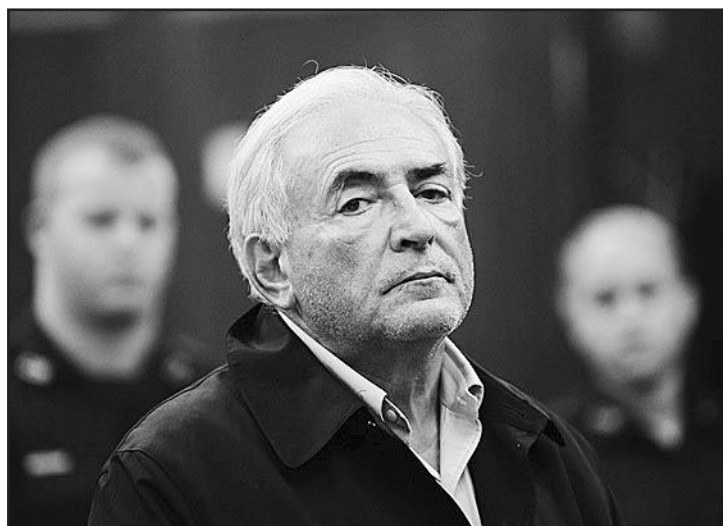
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IMF chief pleads not guilty, denied bail



IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) — IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn denied the sexual assault and attempted rape of a New York hotel chambermaid yesterday but was refused bail and ordered to remain behind bars pending trial.

A haggard-looking Strauss-Kahn, 62, pleaded not guilty to all charges in a packed Manhattan courtroom in a scandal that has torpedoed his French presidential hopes.

"He denies these charges. He is presumed innocent under the law," Strauss-Kahn's lawyer Benjamin Brafman told the judge. After the hearing, the lawyer said Strauss-Kahn was "disappointed" but the "battle has just begun."

The maid alleged the IMF chief assaulted her on Saturday in his suite when he got out of his shower naked.

"The charges here ... are severe as are potential sentences. The defendant restrained a hotel employee inside his room, he sexually assaulted her and attempted to rape her," a prosecutor told the court.

Prosecutors said it was not the first time Strauss-Kahn, the head of the International Monetary Fund, had been involved in a similar incident and argued he was a flight risk as he had been arrested attempting to flee the country.

The defense protested, saying they had a witness who would testify that the defendant had not tried to flee his hotel and was actually rushing for a lunch appointment.

The Hague criminal court considers arrest warrant for Gaddafi

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- The International Criminal Court in The Hague is seeking the arrest of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, his son Saif al-Islam, and his brother-in-law and intelligence chief, Abdullah Senussi for crimes against humanity.

According to sources, ICC judges must still decide whether to issue warrants for their arrest and the Libyan government has already said it will ignore the announcement.



Belgium's king moves to give divided country a government

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) — King Albert II moved yesterday to give language-divided Belgium a government following almost a year of failed coalition talks between the French-speaking south and Dutch-speaking north.

A statement from the

palace said Belgium's figure-head sovereign had asked Elio Di Rupo, head of the French-speaking Socialist party, to form a government. "Mr Di Rupo accepted," the statement said.

Di Rupo's party led the field in the French-speaking south at general elections on

June 13, 2010, that failed to produce an outright majority.

Successive efforts to form a workable coalition have broken down repeatedly ever since, with Albert II naming a succession of special negotiators who have all returned empty-handed to the palace.

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SAN BENITO, Guatemala -- AFP photo shows one of the three survivors of the massacre in which 28 people were decapitated on a farm in San Andres, in northern Guatemala on the Mexican border on May 15, lying in bed at the emergency room of the Regional Hospital of San Benito municipality, in Peten Department, some 520 km north of Guatemala City.

Police officials say the killings could be linked to drug gangs operating in the area. Guatemala has one of the highest murder rates in Latin America, an average of 18 per day. Most crimes are attributed to feared drug gangs known as "maras."

Guatemala's violence still pales, however, in comparison with the brutal drug war to the north, in Mexico, where over 37,000 people have died since December 2006, when a military crackdown was launched on the illegal drug cartels.



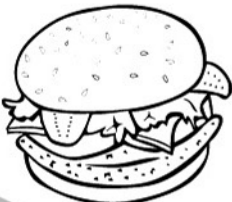
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Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar organizes "Business Inspiration" for Aruba and the Caribbean

To promote businesses of the Dutch Kingdom in the Caribbean region



ORANJESTAD – Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, together with the Chamber of Commerce and other businesses in the Caribbean is organizing a commercial event called "Business Inspiration." Invitees to this event are businesses of Aruba

and the Caribbean, to brainstorm the possibility for trade and commerce among them.

"Business Inspiration" starts on Wednesday, Mar 18, at 9:00 a.m. with a welcome speech by Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman, followed by Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar. Speakers include members of the Office of Dutch representatives on Aruba who will elaborate on the business opportunities within the Dutch Kingdom.

A representative of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce will present possibilities on trade commerce with Europe via Holland. Apart from Holland, there will also be representatives of the Chamber of Commerce of Saba, St. Eustatius and Suriname. Some businessmen will talk about their success when working with the

Dutch Caribbean

Venue for the event is the Renaissance Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Apart from meeting other businessmen; it is also a good opportunity to learn of opportunities in the immediate region. Entrance is free and the day is especially geared towards all businesses with branches in the Caribbean, or those who are exploring this possibility

According to Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, this kind of event brings together business to explore trade possibilities with the hope to expand in the Caribbean and even in Europe. Our relationship within the Dutch Kingdom and our geographical position offers us many possibilities of which we are not knowledgeable or using to full advantage.

By organizing these kinds of events, the opportunity arises to meet other merchants and possibly form future alliances.

Bon Bini Festival is tonight

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastrat. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruban 'caha di orgel' by Crystal, typical folkloric music by Arco Iris, dance performance by Youth in Action, a performance by the Jacob's Family trio, poet Samantha Trinidad, soloist Quincy Hasham and

steel pan band The New Generation. During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional homemade arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3, =

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Minister Oduber meets with Minister Donner and State Secretary Joop Atsma



ORANJESTAD – Last Thursday, Minister of Transport, Labor and Tourism, Otmar Oduber traveled to the Netherlands to attend a series of important meetings related to his ministries.

A few hours after arriving in the Netherlands he met with Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations Piet Donner and State Secretary Joop Atsma. Various topics were on the agenda, including some already considered while they were on Aruba: Aviation, Meteorological and Navigation.

Regarding Aviation, the ministers discussed the protocol signed last year between the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, which has not yet been implemented. Other concerns were the 1985 collaborative arrangements. Minister Oduber came forward with a proposal for a definitive solution on the difference of opinions, which was accepted

by Minister Donner and State Secretary Atsma.

On Navigation matters, Minister Oduber elaborated on a number of changes pending within the Dutch Kingdom regarding Sea Letters. Sea Letters are a documents confirming a ship or coastal sea can be used. Attention was given to the twinning project Aruba is working on together with the Netherlands and Curaçao, already sent to Parliament for approval. He also discussed Port Regulation issues that deal with trans-shipment, bunkering and anchoring.

The meetings were considered quite fruitful and conducted in a very amicable ambiance. which resulted in a number of accords being reached.

This week Minister Oduber will continue with the meetings, which is believed will prove quite beneficial to Aruba.

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for all of them this past Mother's Day. An extra special part of this gift was matching tropical shirts that they wore for their photo session with local photographer Diane Keijzer.

This was also the first time little Joshua saw and enjoyed the beach sand and warm waters of the ocean under his feet.

Aruba is very special for them, as they enjoyed their honeymoon here, and Aruba has since become their "home



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RIM recalling 1,000 PlayBook tablets



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The Waterloo, Ontario-based company said most of the affected devices were still in the distribution channel and had not reached customers.

RIM said the affected PlayBooks may not be able to properly load software upon initial set-up.

"RIM is working to replace the affected devices," it said in a statement.

"In the small number of

cases where a customer received a PlayBook that is unable to properly load software upon initial set-up, they can contact RIM for assistance," the company added.

According to technology blog Engadget, the faulty PlayBooks were shipped to US office supply giant Staples.

RIM is offering three models of the PlayBook. A version with 16 gigabytes of storage for \$499, a 32GB model for \$599 and one with 64GB for \$699. The prices are the same as for comparable models of the iPad.

Distant rocky planet 'could be future human home'

PARIS, France (AFP) — A rocky world orbiting a nearby star has been confirmed as the first planet outside our solar system to meet key requirements for sustaining life, scientists said yesterday.

Modelling of planet Gliese 581d shows it has the potential to be warm and wet enough to

nurture Earth-like life, they said. It orbits a red dwarf star called Gliese 581, located around 20 light years from Earth, which makes it one of our closest neighbours.

Gliese 581d orbits on the outer fringes of the star's "Goldilocks zone", where it is not so hot that water boils

Endeavour blasts off on next-to-last shuttle flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AFP) — The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off yesterday toward the International Space Station on the penultimate flight for the US shuttle program.

The six-member crew of astronauts including five Americans and one Italian, Roberto Vittori, is delivering a potent physics experiment to probe the origins of the universe during the 16-day mission, which will include four spacewalks.

As many as 500,000 onlookers crowded into coastal viewing spots in Brevard County, the area around Florida's Kennedy Space Center, with the US shuttle program set to end later this year after the final flight by Atlantis.

The STS-134 mission, initially set to begin April 29, was postponed when technicians discovered a power failure in a heating line that served to prevent fuel from freezing in orbit. NASA completed exhaustive repairs last week.

The shuttle is set to dock at the ISS tomorrow at 6:15 am (1015 GMT), and will stay there until May 30, returning to the United States on June 1,



the US space agency said.

The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer-2, a two-billion-dollar, 15,000 pound (7,000 kilogram) particle detector, will be left behind to scour the universe for hints of dark matter and antimatter over the next decade.

"It's a bit like searching for a needle in a haystack," said French scientist Jean-Pierre Vialle, part of the international team that worked on the AMS-02 project.

"But if we find it, it will show beyond a doubt that stars made of antimatter exist in some part of the universe. That

would be a major revelation."

US congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona, the wife of shuttle commander Kelly, watched the launch from Kennedy Space Center, her office said.

Giffords, who was allowed a break by her rehabilitation doctors in Houston to watch the planned April 29 launch, is recovering from a gunshot wound to the head, after she was attacked in January during a meeting with local voters.

She and her husband swapped wedding rings ahead of the launch, the US television channel ABC reported.

Activists mark Chernobyl anniversary



"Tollwood" environmental activists empty symbolic nuclear waste barrels into a cage outside the Chancellery yesterday to protest against the government's nuclear energy policy calling for a swift nuclear energy exit in Berlin, Germany. Anti-nuclear activists in France and Germany staged mass protests yesterday to demand reactors be closed on the eve of the 25th anniversary of Chernobyl and after Japan's Fukushima nuclear accident.

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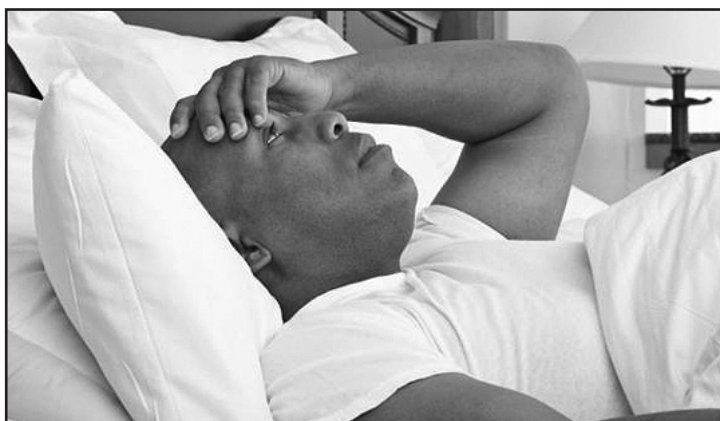
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Less-Than-Optimal Sleep May 'Age' the Brain



-- For middle-aged adults, sleeping less than six or more than eight hours a night is associated with a decline in brain function, British researchers contend.

The magnitude of that mental decline is equal to being four to seven years older, the researchers said.

"There is an expectation in today's 24-hour-a-day society that people should be able to fit more into their lives," said study author Jane Ferrie, a senior research fellow in the department of epidemiology and public health at University College London Medical School.

"The whole work/life balance struggle is causing people to trade in precious sleeping time to ensure they complete everything they feel is expected of them. Our study suggests that this may have adverse effects on their cognitive function," she said.

In fact, women who slept seven hours per night had the highest score for every cognitive measure, followed by those who had six hours of sleep. For men, cognitive function was similar for those who reported sleeping six, seven or eight hours.

However, less than six hours of sleep -- or more than

eight hours -- were associated with lower scores, Ferrie said.

Noting that many biological processes take place at night, Ferrie explained that "sleep provides the body with its daily need for physiological restitution and recovery. While seven hours a night appears to be optimal for the majority of human beings, many people can function perfectly well on regular sleep of less or more hours."

However, since most research has focused on the effects of sleep deprivation on biological systems, it is not yet fully understood why seven hours is optimal -- or why long sleeping appears to be detrimental, Ferrie said.

"Chronic short sleep produces hormones and chemicals in the body which increase the risk of developing heart disease and strokes, and other conditions like high blood pressure and cholesterol, diabetes and obesity," she added.

Ferrie's team collected data on 5,431 men and women, aged 35 to 55 in 1985, who took part in a long-term look

at London-based office staff known as the Whitehall II study.

In 1997-1999, the participants were asked how many hours they slept on an average week night, and were asked the same question in 2003-2004 after an average 5.4 years of follow-up. Those who reported changes in their sleep patterns were then compared with people whose sleep duration stayed the same over the course of the study.

In 2003-2004, each individual was given a battery of standard tests to assess his or her memory, reasoning, vocabulary, global cognitive status and verbal fluency.

The researchers found that during the study, 58 percent of men and 50 percent of women continued to sleep the same amount each night. However, 7.4 percent of women and 8.6 percent of men increased their slumber from seven to eight hours per night.

This change in sleep pattern was associated with lower scores on six tests of cognitive function, compared

with people whose sleep time did not change, the researchers found.

Only scores on the test of short-term verbal memory were not affected by sleeping more, they noted.

In addition, some 25 percent of women and 18 percent of men reported decreases in their sleep -- dozing less than six, seven or eight hours per night.

This change was associated with lower scores on three of the six cognitive tests, with lower scores on the reasoning, vocabulary and global cognitive status tests, the researchers said. Surprisingly, increasing sleep from six hours or less had no beneficial effect, they added.

Dr. Alberto Ramos, co-director of the Health Sleep Medicine Program and an assistant professor of clinical neurology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, said various studies have shown sleeping too little or too much increases the risk of dying, having a heart attack or stroke and other health problems.



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Introducing “Intimate Conversations” –first in a series

Revelations from visiting HIV/AIDS global advocate Yolanda L. Simon



Yolanda Simon with E Faro volunteers Latifa Mercera and Arnela Els

The observance of the annual HIV/AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service on Aruba on May 15 featured an address by Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+) Yolanda L. Simon, who dedicates her time traveling the region to instigate community and governmental dialogs regarding “people living with HIV.” This actual redefining of individuals who have contracted the virus is, according to MS. Simon, a “very important aspect in influencing attitudes and promoting understanding of those infected with the HIV virus,” as demographic of those with HIV has drastically changed in the past 15 years, and the discovery and utilization of anti-retroviral medication allows them to live with HIV for decades.

Island media was invited to a share “Intimate Conversations” with MS. Simon and volunteers from the Aruban foundation “E Faro,” a local HIV/AIDS advocacy group

founded by Aruba’s first admitted HIV/AIDS patient, Ruben Odor, in response to the discrimination and persecution of those infected with the disease. The current chairperson of “E Faro,” Ryan Maduro, facilitated the event at the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

An enlightening two hour conversation provided many revelations regarding the evolution of the global pandemic; MS. Simon revealed during her address at the candlelight memorial service in the evening that she had attended her first such service in 1989, one year after being informed she was HIV positive. She is a personal testament to the goal of the morning’s conference: the changing face of what the public conceives of those infected with HIV, as they are now living long, productive lives, and obtaining the cooperation of the media in getting out the message of the impediments they face in being a vital part of the com-



An Intimate, informative encounter about AIDS

munity because of undeserved prejudice and discrimination.

Aside from the attitudes of the general public, the roadblocks for those living with AIDS are pervasive; to acquire a mortgage usually requires obtaining a life insurance policy and insurance companies will require testing for HIV/AIDS, refusing to issue policies to those infected. Those known to have HIV are often denied loans of any sort, are fired from their jobs, and generally shunned, if not persecuted.

A number of important messages were to be gleaned from her presentation for the media, but most importantly, the need of the HIV advocacy movement for the public to be informed by the media in the change of status of those infected and the perception of people living with HIV. It is no longer a disease found only among gay men; accor-

ding to UNAIDS figures, more than 600 people contract HIV every hour and women account for nearly 50% of those infected. Less than 20 % of people at risk have access to preventative measures such as condoms, and at best, only one infected person in ten in Africa and one in seven in Asia have access to antiretroviral treatment. Many are afraid to openly seek diagnoses and medication because their status will become known and they face censure from the community.

“The status of HIV infected and their possibilities regarding quality of life have changed drastically in the last ten years,” explained MS. Simon. “Unfortunately, community and governmental attitudes have stayed the same.”

MS. Simon’s presence on Aruba was funded by the European Union and she ex-

pressed her gratitude to “E Faro” and the Aruban Department of Public Health for bringing her to Aruba. Her point was for the public to understand that Caribbean HIV/AIDS assistance programs are still financially struggling; it was a complex and difficult task to acquire the funding and approval for her visit. Though she expressed some disappointment on the poor showing during her initial presentation, she also stated she was not surprised; often conflicting news stories will keep reporters away, as was this case, but she hoped to be able to consult with more media sources before her departure at the end of the week.

This is the first in a series based on these dialogs; articles will continue on a semi-weekly basis.

by Rosalie Klein

Women's Club and E Faro conduct "Touching Lives" Memorial at Palm Beach Plaza



Yolanda Simon lights the candle symbolic of hope



Performance by Freddy Montoya and company



Key Clubbers make a candle ribbon bow

The Women's Club of Aruba conducted their annual HIV/AIDS Candlelight Memorial event in conjunction with thousands of communities around the world on Sunday evening, May 15. This year's theme, "Touching Lives" had the purpose of spotlighting how HIV has touched the lives of many people; in particular how an improved HIV response with more treatment access, better prevention methods and respect for human rights and

dignity touches and improves the lives of people living with and affected by HIV. Palm Beach Plaza hosted this year's service which included artistic performances by singer Jairo Boekhoudt and guitarist Armin Solognier, "Acoustic Soul," and a performance by the theatrical/dance troupe of Jhon Freddy Montoya. Orig-

inal and heartfelt works were recited by young poets Kathy Faro and Chando Kelly.

Women's Club President Mily Henriquez and WCA Project Manager of the AIDS Awareness Committee, Milagros Posner, welcomed to the stage four individuals for the lighting of symbolic candles colored red, white, green and black.

Philomina Lopez lit the black candle in memory of those Arubans who have died from AIDS; she had lost a family member to the virus.



and tolerance.

Guest Speaker and international HIV/AIDS advocate from Trinidad and Tobago, Yolanda Simon, lit the green candle; standing for education and the hope to mobilize the community in demanding action

doms and red ribbons, while distributing candles. The youth branch of Kiwanis, Key Club of Colegio Arubano, also participated in the evening's activities, demonstrating their concern for a new generation.

by Rosalie Klein



Raising a candle

Maikel Kelly, founder of Freestyle Bureau of Prevention, lit the red candle in tribute to those living with HIV, along with those suffering the grief, such as families and loved ones. He also addressed the gathering on methods of prevention and its importance in stemming the tide of this incurable virus.

Henry Valdez, representing "E Faro," lit the white candle, which stands as a symbol of hope for raising awareness, understanding

from their governments in seeking solutions by providing proper and discrete care, with the goal to eventually achieve a world without AIDS. The ritual was followed by a moment of silence and a rendition of "You Never Walk Alone" by noted island soprano, Tica Giel.

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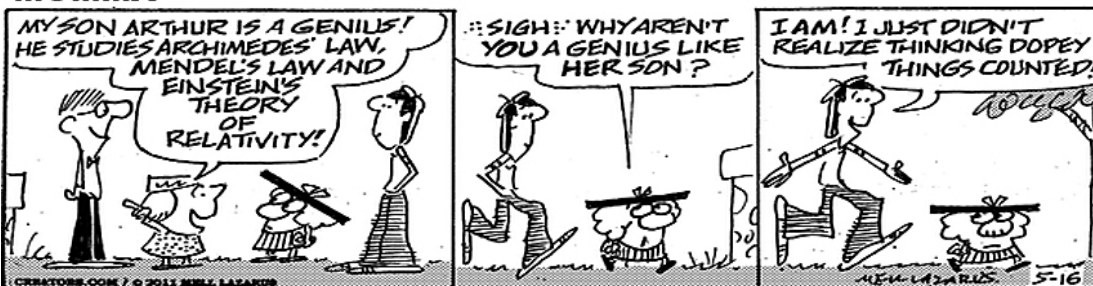
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15. Love, to Romeo
16. Enlisted men, for short
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19. Abraham's intended sacrifice
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23. Fashionable shop
25. Be a vocal supporter (2 wds.)
27. Song line
31. Baking measurement
32. "____, Get Your Gun"
34. One Gabor
35. Grim
37. Interior parts
39. Flowed back
41. In case
42. Defame
44. "____ skies of blue" (2 wds.)
46. Apple computer

47. Permitted by law
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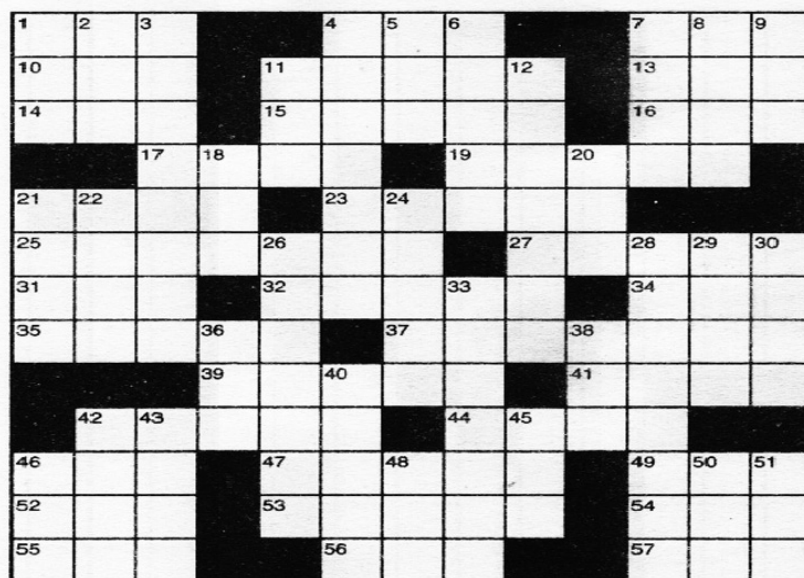
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11. Water (Fr.)
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78-billion-euro EU-IMF Portugal bailout sealed



BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - European finance ministers on Monday backed a three-year 78-billion-euro EU-IMF bailout for Portugal on condition Lisbon embarks on a major raft of public sell-offs.

The ministers agreed unanimously to rescue Portugal, a statement said, making it the third eurozone country in the space of one year to receive a multi-billion-euro bailout after Greece and Ireland.

The emergency loans to Lisbon are "warranted to safeguard the financial stability in the euro area and the EU as a whole," said the statement by ministers from the 17-nation eurozone and the remaining 10 European Union states that partly underwrite the emergency financial assistance.

The decision on Portugal was made during two-day talks otherwise focused on measures to ease the terms of Greece's repayment burden.

Portugal, under pressure from the markets for months, finally sought a bailout in April after the minority socialist government and right-wing opposition failed to agree on a new round of budget cuts. The country holds an early general election on June 5.

A key deadline also looms on June 15 when Portugal has to redeem debt of about 5.0

billion euros or face default.

Under conditions agreed earlier in the month, European states will provide two-thirds of the loans while the International Monetary Fund will take care of one third.

The three-year deal requires Portugal to launch an "ambitious privatisation programme," restructure and boost the capital of its banks, and reform its health system and public administration.

The Portuguese government forecasts see the public deficit dropping from 5.9 percent this year to the eurozone ceiling of 3.0 percent by 2013.

The package of loans was made possible when Finnish lawmakers negotiating a new coalition government in Helsinki overcame resistance from an anti-bailout, eurosceptic party that flourished in elections there.

Taking into account a key Finnish condition for the bailout, the EU ministers said in the statement that Lisbon should "encourage private investors to maintain their overall exposures on a voluntary basis."

This means that banks and other buyers would not pull their money out of the country.

The Finns wanted European governments contributing to the bailout to have their investments classed as priority above those of private buyers of Portuguese debt.

The EU ministers said the rescue programme is "both ambitious and frontloaded, while safeguarding the most vulnerable groups in society."

Oil prices drop further on strong dollar

LONDON, United Kingdom (AFP) - Oil prices fell Monday after the euro briefly dived to a near seven-week low point against the dollar over the eurozone debt crisis and after the arrest of IMF head Dominique Strauss Kahn, traders said.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for June, or West Texas Intermediate (WTI), slid \$1.15 to \$98.50 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in June dropped 49 cents to \$113.34 in late London deals, pulling back from losses of more than a dollar earlier in the day. Despite falling, crude futures remain at historically high levels.

The euro slumped Monday to \$1.4048, hitting the lowest point since March 29. It later recovered to \$1.4216, higher than Friday's close.

A stronger greenback makes dollar-denominated commodities more expensive for buyers using weaker currencies. That tends to weigh

on demand and spark lower prices.

"Safe-haven demand for the dollar is... hitting commodity prices," said Commerzbank Carsten Fritsch.

"The firmer dollar, which is benefiting increasingly from mounting concerns about the future of the eurozone, is the main source of pressure here."

"The arrest of IMF head Strauss-Kahn shortly before today's meeting of the eurozone finance ministers has made speedy approval of a new aid package for Greece less likely," he added.

The arrest of the IMF chief threw a giant cloud over Monday's meeting of EU finance ministers to approve a rescue for Portugal, fight new debt fires in Greece and name a new president for the ECB.

International Monetary Fund managing director Strauss-Kahn, pivotal in global efforts to tame Europe's debt crisis amid fears it could unleash new financial market

contagion, had been due at the Brussels talks.

Instead, a New York judge denied him bail despite an offer from his defence team to put up \$1 million in cash and surrender all his travel documents.

The judge ordered the IMF chief detained, two days after he was pulled off a plane and accused of trying to rape a Manhattan hotel chambermaid.

In Brussels, the assembled finance ministers backed an EU-IMF bailout of Portugal amounting to 78 billion euros (\$110 billion), while Greece moved closer to securing better bailout terms.

Oil prices sank last week on the back of mounting concerns that high price levels could erode energy demand.

The International Energy Agency last week cut its outlook for 2011 global oil demand growth by 190,000 barrels per day because of high oil prices and weaker recovery in rich countries.

Winklevoss twins denied a new Facebook hearing

SAN FRANCISCO, (AFP) - A federal appeals court on Monday denied Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss a second shot at getting out of a deal they made in a lawsuit charging that Mark Zuckerberg stole their idea for Facebook.

The US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a bid by the identical twin brothers to have a full panel of 11 judges second guess a ruling made in April by a three-justice panel.

The three-judge panel said that litigation in the case "must come to an end" and threw out the bid by the Winklevosses to review the settlement.

Facebook said in a concise statement that it was pleased with the court's decision.

The Winklevoss brothers could take their case to the US Supreme Court, which would also have the option of not hearing the matter.

An attorney for the twins has argued that Facebook held back

information about the estimated value of the California-based social networking firm while reaching a \$65 million dollar settlement with the brothers.

The twins inked a settlement two years ago that got them \$20 million in cash and \$45 million worth of stock valued at \$36 per share.

The value of that yet-to-be-issued stock has skyrocketed along with Facebook's estimated market value, which was placed at \$50 billion early this year.

The brothers challenged the settlement, which was supposed to be confidential, on the grounds that Zuckerberg suckered them during settlement talks by not revealing Facebook internally valued the stock at \$9.

The lower figure would have resulted in the Winklevoss twins getting many more shares.

Facebook has said it was

under no obligation to volunteer the stock option information during settlement negotiations and that the information was not intentionally withheld.

The Winklevosses claim they enlisted Zuckerberg to finish software code for their ConnectU social-networking website while they were all students at Harvard University in 2003.

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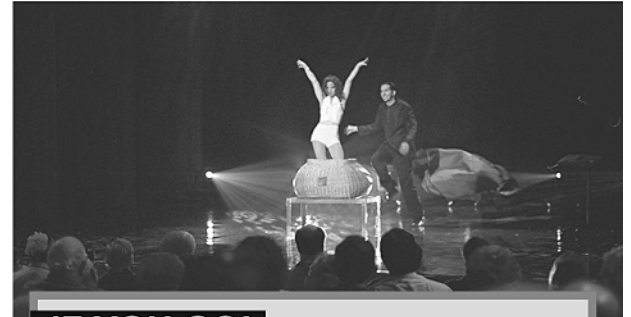
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Mandela votes at home in local South Africa polls



South Africa's aged ex-president Nelson Mandela (seen here in 2010)

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AFP) – South Africa's aged ex-president Nelson Mandela voted at his home Monday for this week's local elections, the voting authority announced, in a special arrangement for the infirm.

The iconic 92-year-old anti-apartheid hero, South Africa's first black president, is under home-based care after being hospitalised for

two days in January for an acute respiratory infection.

"He has voted. He was looking forward to it so much," Independent Electoral Commission chairwoman Brigalia Bam told radio 702.

"Amazingly enough, the presiding officer was trying to help, and he (Mandela) said, 'No, no, no. I'm fine. I don't need any help'."

The country votes on Wednesday in local elections in which basic public services have become a hot issue, with frustration towards the ruling African National Congress building over inadequate power, water and housing.

The ANC, which has dominated South African politics since the end of apartheid in 1994, is nonetheless expected to sweep the elections.

Mandela has not been seen in public since he was discharged from hospital but information released in February said he was in stable condition.

Monday's special vote is reserved for the "physically infirm or disabled" and people performing critical services like the police, the commission said.

Mandela was elected the country's first black president in South Africa's first all-race vote in 1994 and served one term before stepping down in 1999.

Garrincha stadium resists demolition attempt



Picture taken during the failed attempt to demolish part of the stands of the Mane Garrincha Stadium to build a new stadium for the 2014 Brazil FIFA World Cup, in Brasilia.

BRASILIA, Brazil (AFP) – Brasilia's World Cup stadium, named after World Cup-winning star Garrincha, proved too tough even for dynamite on week-end during construction work on the arena being used for the 2014 tournament.

The Globo newspaper website reported that 250kg of explosives proved incapable of demolishing the stands and that further attempts would be made later in the day.

Earlier, the Estado de Sao Paulo said that FIFA were looking at staging the opening match of the 2014 World Cup at the Mane Garrincha stadium rather than the Itaquera in Sao Paulo, where refurbishment work has yet to start.

Winger Garrincha, nicknamed Little Bird, played in the 1958 and 1962 World Cup teams but he died in 1983, aged just 50, after a long battle with alcoholism.

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Busquets cleared for Champions League final



Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets (L) challenges Real Madrid defender Marcelo during the Spanish Cup

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets will be able to play in the Champions League final against Manchester United later this month after being cleared of racist abuse by UEFA on Monday.

European football's governing body confirmed they have dismissed claims from Barca's Spanish rivals Real Madrid that Busquets racially insulted Brazilian full-back Marcelo

during the controversial first leg of their European semi-final last month.

A UEFA statement read: "The chairman of the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body, acting as a judge sitting alone, has today decided to dismiss the report made by Real Madrid concerning racial abuse against its player Marcelo by FC Barcelona player Sergio Busquets due to a lack of strong and convincing

evidence."

A statement on Barca's website read: "UEFA has notified FC Barcelona they have dismissed the claims of Real Madrid. Sergio Busquets will play in the Champions League final."

Barcelona will play Manchester United in the final at Wembley on May 28.

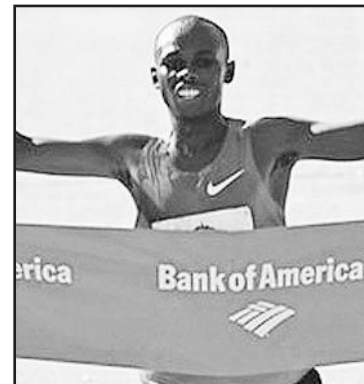
The capital club published a video on their website ahead of the second leg, with a subtitle alleging Busquets had made a comment towards wing-back Marcelo during Barca's 2-0 win at the Bernabeu.

Barcelona went on to qualify for the final 3-1 on aggregate.

UEFA handed down a three-match ban on Real coach Jose Mourinho after he made allegations of favouritism towards Barcelona, while Real defender Pepe was sent off in the first leg.

Barcelona reserve goalkeeper Jose Pinto, red-carded in a half-time melee in the first leg, received a three-match ban.

Olympic marathon champion Wanjiru dies: police



Sammy Wanjiru of Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AFP) – Tributes flowed in on Monday for Olympic marathon champion Sammy Wanjiru who died overnight from head injuries at the age of 24 after falling from the second floor of his home in Kenya's Rift Valley.

"I think the world has lost the greatest runner in living history," Wanjiru's agent Federico Rosa told CNN World Sport.

Dave Bedford, race director for the London marathon, a race Wanjiru won in 2009, said a tribute to the athlete he described as "the greatest marathon runner that we have ever seen in the world" is being planned.

"Today we woke up to the sad news that Mr Samuel Wanjiru ... has died. Wanjiru's death is not only a loss to his family and friends but to Kenya as a whole and the entire world athletics fraternity," Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga said.

Wanjiru made history at the 2008 Beijing Olympics when his winning time of 2 hours 6 minutes 32 seconds destroyed the 24-year-old Olympic record of 2:09:21 set in 1984 by Carlos Lopes of Portugal. It gave Kenya its first Olympic marathon gold.

After Beijing, Wanjiru won the London marathon in 2009 and Chicago in 2009 and 2010.

A police officer in the region, Jasper Ombati said Wanjiru "fell from the balcony of his home after a row with his wife" and was found "lying on the verandah with a broken skull."

"We cannot conclusively say it was suicide, we are analyzing all the angles of this scenario," he said. "I'm 100% certain it was not suicide, that's all that I can tell you," Wanjiru's agent Rosa said.

The fall came in the town of Nyahururu after Wanjiru came home from an evening in a bar with another woman in tow.

According to that woman, Wanjiru's wife Trizah Njeri Kamau rushed out of the house saying she was going to report the incident at the local police station. Wanjiru tried to run after her but fell from the balcony.

In the history of Olympic marathon running, Wanjiru at 21 ranks as the second-youngest winner ever, after Argentine Juan Carlos Zabala who won at the age of 20 in Los Angeles in 1932.

Maradona named coach at Dubai's Al-Wasl

DUBAI (AFP) – Argentina legend Diego Maradona is to take over as coach next season at Dubai's Al-Wasl, the club announced yesterday.

"Al-Wasl Sports Club is proud to announce the appointment of Diego Armando Maradona as head coach of Al-Wasl Football Club, in a momentous development that will see the football legend lead the team for the next two

seasons," the club said in a statement.

The 50-year-old Maradona was manager of the Argentina national side at last year's World Cup in South Africa, but was sacked after they lost 4-0 to Germany in the quarter-finals.

His name had been mentioned in connection with several coaching jobs since then, notably in the English Premier

League and in Iran, but nothing came of these speculations.

The Dubai job was first mentioned on Saturday when Maradona paid a visit to the Al-Wasl training facility and headquarters and club officials said an announcement could be made shortly.

Commenting on the agreement, club chairman Marwan Bin Bayat said: "Al-Wasl Sports Club has become synonymous with achievements of this calibre, and we are very pleased to be welcoming Maradona to a long line of accolades in the club's history.

Maradona is the greatest player in Argentina's history, having led the country to their second World Cup title in 1986 in Mexico and a runners-up finish four years later in Italy.

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Bulls rout Heat in series opener



(L-R) Derrick Rose #1, Joakim Noah #13 and Carlos Boozer #5 of the Chicago Bulls celebrate late in the fourth quarter against the Miami Heat in Game One.

CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) — Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls drew first blood in their NBA semi-final series by routing the Miami Heat 103-82 behind Rose's 28 points.

Luol Deng added 21 points and the Bulls shut down the Heat's star cast of LeBron James and Dwyane Wade to take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference final.

"We got a little bit of a cushion," said Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau. "Then our defence picked up."

James was held to just 15 points and Wade finished with 18. Chris Bosh led the Heat with 30 points.

"Dwyane and LeBron are going to create a lot of attention," Bosh said. "This is a good defensive team. They're going to make them distributors. We have to look at where we fell short as a team for Game one and come back with a better approach."

Chicago pulled away in the second half, going on a 10-0 run in the third and

outscored the Heat 46-24 over the final 19 minutes.

The Heat will have a chance to try and level the series in game two today in Chicago.

Chicago fans chanted "over-rated" and "beat the Heat" in the final minutes referring to Miami's big scoring trio James, Bosh and Wade.

"He missed shots. He had an off night," Deng said of guarding James.

Deng held James to just five-of-15 shooting. Deng also had four three pointers, four steals and grabbed seven rebounds.

"You play defence. You play defence hard and the shot goes up and they get an offensive rebound, kick it out for a three or get a layup or a dunk," James said. "Those are demoralizing for a defensive team. We've got to figure out a way to clean that up."

League MVP Rose rallied to drain three three pointers after committing three turnovers early in the contest.

Thibodeau took Rose out of the game with just over two minutes left with the

Bulls ahead by 19 points.

France's Joakim Noah finished with 14 boards for the Bulls who outrebounded Miami 45-33 on the night.

"I never knew that a national anthem could get me excited before a game but it was unbelievable," Noah said.

Miami had a one-point lead with 7 1/2 minutes left in the third quarter but they couldn't hold on.

"We took it on the chin," said Heat coach Erik Spoelstra. "We have to get better."

Crane reaches deal to buy Houston Astros

HOUSTON, Texas (AFP) — A group led by Houston businessman Jim Crane has reached a deal to purchase Major League Baseball's Houston Astros, the team announced on Monday, in a deal reportedly worth \$680 million.

Drayton McLane, who purchased the National League club in 1992 for \$117 million in 1992, put the team up for sale last November, and found a willing buyer in Crane, who had made a failed bid to buy the Astros three years ago.

The sale must be approved by Major League

Baseball, a process that typically would be completed within the next two months.

The Houston Chronicle, which reported the expected sale price, also said last week that former NBA Houston Rockets president George Postolos would become the new chief executive officer of the Astros.

The Astros reached their only World Series in 2005 during a run of six playoff appearances in nine seasons under McLane, who also oversaw the team's move into its current ballpark, which opened in 2000.

NFL players, club owners resume talks



MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (AFP) — NFL players and club owners returned to court-ordered contract talks guided by a federal mediator on Monday in a bid to resolve the league's first work stoppage since 1987.

Billionaire owners and millionaire players have been unable to agree on how to divide \$9.1 billion in annual revenues from America's most popular spectator sport, jeopardizing hopes for the 2011 season to start in September as planned.

Players voted to decertify their union as a bargaining

agent and pursue an anti-trust case in court, a legal fight that figures to stretch the dispute for months as decisions are appealed.

Judge Arthur Boylan, who guided four days of talks last month, is mediating the latest talks. Both sides met in February and March before talks broke off and the NFL imposed a lockout.

A Minneapolis judge lifted the lockout but the NFL pushed the case to an appeals court in St. Louis that has reinstated the lockout temporarily with a June 3 hearing scheduled on the situation.

If the lockout is forced to end, training camps might begin in July as in a typical NFL season. If the lockout remains in force, it would be a legal victory for owners that could give them leverage in contract talks.

In either case, the latest talks figure to struggle as each

side awaits the outcome of the appeals court hearing in 2 1/2 weeks.

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Djokovic emulates Nadal in qualifying for ATP Finals

PARIS, France (AFP) – Unstoppable Serbian Novak Djokovic on Monday became only the second player since 1990 to qualify for the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals before the French Open.

The 23-year-old world number two sealed his place in the finals after beating world number one Rafael Nadal in last Sunday's Rome Masters to extend his unbeaten run this year to 37 matches.

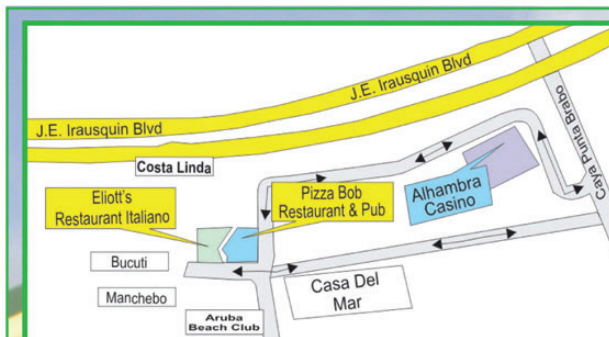
Djokovic's last loss came

in the semi-finals of the Finals last year, to former world number one Roger Federer.

He will be competing in the Finals for a fifth successive year, which has seen him win the title once, in 2008.

Nadal was the only previous player to have qualified for the event prior to Roland Garros since 1990.

The tournament, in which the top eight players based on results in the 2011 season compete, runs from November 20-27 in London.



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Clijsters set to play in French Open

BRUSSELS (AFP) – Belgium's Kim Clijsters has confirmed that she will take part in the French Open which gets underway at Roland Garros here on Sunday, despite being out of action for six weeks.

The 27-year-old former world number one has not

played since her quarter-final loss in Miami to Victoria Azarenka on March 31, when she complained of wrist and shoulder pain.

She then picked up a serious ankle injury at her cousin's wedding in April.

Clijsters resumed training at

the start of May with the intention of playing in the French Open for the first time since 2006, but has been unable to play in any tournament.

The Belgium has won the last two Grand Slam tournaments - last year's US Open and the Australian Open in January



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